



September 8, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

2019 Bible Presentation



PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Congregation: *We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word as you continue in your baptismal journey and we continue to keep our promises to you.*

Parents: (Speaking directly to their own children) You are my child, and I am very proud of you. You are a creation of God and you have been fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). God has a special plan for your life, a plan for hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). May this book be a lamp unto your feet (Psalm 119:105). May it teach you, correct you, and train you to be the very person God longs for you to be. (2 Timothy 3:16) We love you and present to you your very own Bible.

Children: I receive this Bible as God's Word for me. I will work to know it and to understand it and through it, to know God. I will take care of it. May it be a light of truth and lead my life. This is MY BIBLE!

Child/Youth

Launa Epp

Molly Gosda

Jaxlyn Murphy

Peter Ratzlaff

Lincoln Welsch

Madelynn Gosda

Meredith Oliver

Porter Ourada

Gabriel Snell

Tethloach Duang

Jordan Norris

Tristan Propp

Jonah Snell

Selah Wenburg

Parent(s)

Dacia Hultman

Rick & Heather Gosda

Jamison & Brittany Murphy

Tom & Leah Ratzlaff

Ben & Jenni Welsch

Rick & Heather Gosda

William & Susan Oliver

Doug & Stephanie Ourada

Scott & Sarah Snell

Peter Duang & Nyareak Deng

Shawn & Kristina Norris

Jon & Wendy Propp

Scott & Sarah Snell

Justin & Kili Wenburg

Grade

1st Grade (receiving K Bible)

Kindergarten

Kindergarten

Kindergarten

Kindergarten

3rd Grade

3rd Grade

3rd Grade

3rd Grade

8th Grade

8th Grade

8th Grade

8th Grade

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PRAYER OF BLESSING

Pastor Damen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy shaper of hearts and minds, teach us your ways in the reading of your word. Lead us into a deeper understanding of your ways, that we may know and do your will. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

ANTHEM

“Come with a Thankful Heart”

Jayne Southwick Cool

Chancel Choir, Director Robin Koozer

Jake Darling, trumpet; Baily Cantrell, trumpet; Ian DeBoer, trombone; Parker Grant, euphonium

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 13:33-14:4

SERMON

God loves us, even in our messiness!

*HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (vs. 1-3 & 5)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death, we belong to God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, and we accept lies as truth. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC (USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Diane Bish

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts, we lay down all that we have and all that we are and take up the cross with Jesus. May these gifts be used so that all may come to know the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN

“O God, Who Gives Us Life” (vs. 1-2)

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE “O God, Who Gives Us Life” (vs. 3)

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*POSTLUDE

“Rondo Finale”

Eugene Butler

(The postlude serves as a musical offering sending people out into the world, urging the transition from service in the sanctuary to service in the community.)

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30 – Taizé Style Worship in the Chapel
9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults
10:10 – Procession of Bagpipes, Tartans and Scottish Flags
10:30 – Traditional Service “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans”
11:30 – All Church Potluck (main dish provided, bring a side to share)
11:30-2:00 – Pres Fest! Bouncy Houses for kids, Tours of the PEACE Center
Pickleball Tournament, Cornhole Tournament

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ	Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
Director of Children & Family	Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg
Ministries: Stephanie Brader	Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler	Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson	Bells Director: Dr. Bryon Jensen
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady	Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver	Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton	Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey	

September 8, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire.

September Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks, Clyde Sachtleben, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht, Lorna Zajack

Greeters Today: Mary Kay LaMaster, Mary Fisk

Acolytes: Jonah Snell, Tristan Propp

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

<i>FPC Prayers for:</i>		
Gretchen Lainson	Zachery, Nobel, Cole Henderson	Jane Horton
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jim Cooke
Norm Giesler	Dean Wallace & family (father of Kaela Pumroy)	Family of Joan Shaw
Jim Harrenstein	Family of Keith Meyer (brother of Al Meyer)	Family of John Harrington
Darrel Lloyd	Family of Linda & Terry Hall	Family of Darleen Howard
Starla Rethorst	Nancy Grams and Family	Family of Delores Levander
<i>Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.</i>		

ATTENTION: Mandatory Training for ALL First Presbyterian Church Child & Youth Adult Volunteers!!!!

First Presbyterian Church

Child Protection Policy Training

Who: All persons 18 years of age or older who desire to or presently work with the children participating in FPC programs and activities

When: Sunday, September 8; 11:30am–12:00pm (following worship)

Where: First Presbyterian Church–Sanctuary

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities. Training of adults working with FPC children is a **MANDATORY** requirement of the FPC Session-adopted policy. Questions? Contact Stephanie at 402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org*

September Communion Offering is Happy Nappies. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated for the collection of diapers. Please bring a box and place in the basket outside of the Hands Around the World store. They are collected and distributed to those in need in the community, currently through Catholic Social Services. The congregation is encouraged to bring diapers to help those most vulnerable.



Coming Soon to FPC!

- Financial Peace University-September 9
- Bible at Breakfast-September 11
- New Member Class-September 11
- Pres Fest/Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan-September 15
- Retreat in the Real World-September 26
- CROP Walk-October 13

This Week at FPC --- September 9, 2019 – September 15, 2019

Mon, Sept 9	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:30p-8:30p	Financial Peace University in the Parlor
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Sept 10	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor
	5:30p-6:30p	Trustees in Anderson Room
	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits in Parlor
Wed, Sept 11	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	5:30-6:30p	New Member Class in Adult Ed Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime <i>All are welcome!</i>
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group
Thurs, Sept 12	7:00a-7:45a	Retreat in the Real World in the Library
	4:30p-5:30p	Mission Committee in the Parlor
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel Committee in Kessler Room
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, Sept 13	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Sept 15	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé Style Worship in the Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School of all ages
	10:10a	Procession of Bagpipes, Tartans and Scottish Flags
	10:30a	Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan/Traditional Worship
	11:30a	All Church Potluck in Fellowship Hall (Main dish provided, Folks with last name A-L please bring a side dish or salad; M-Z please bring fruit or dessert.)
	11:30a-2:00p	Pres Fest! Bouncy Houses for kids, Tours of the PEACE Center, Pickleball Tournament, Cornhole Tournament

GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW MUSICIANS!

If you love to sing and enjoy Fellowship with fellow vocalists, come join us at CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal! See you in the FPC Choir Room (still located in the basement) on Wednesdays, at 6:45 p.m.

Robin Koozer, Director



Are You Ready for Calvin/Westminster Handbells?

Calvin/Westminster Handbells is for students in grades six through twelve. It is led by Byron Jensen, who has a bell choir program at Hastings College and also directs the Chancel Bells. Ideally, students should have some music reading ability, but anyone willing to work at ringing handbells is welcome.

NEW THIS YEAR is that CW Bells will be open to beginning adult players. If there is enough interest, perhaps a beginning bell choir for adults could find a different time. If you have an interest in learning, please contact Byron at bjensen@hastings.edu.

CW Bells meets every Wednesday evening from 6:20 until 6:50. (From there, the CW students attend choir rehearsal.) Questions? Contact Byron Jensen

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Grants are limited to one per child.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.



Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

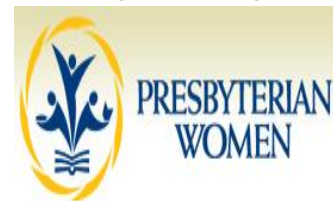
- DEADLINE FOR THE Fall 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS October 1, 2019.
- **ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

Questions? Call the church office at 402-462-5147.

Presbyterian Women

Save the date for the Annual Fall Salad Luncheon on October 2nd at First Presbyterian Church at 11:45am. The program, on Global Missions, will be presented by Sue Ingels

- ✓ Circle I will meet September 18-9:30am
(Hostess-Alice Throckmorton; Lesson Elaine Specht)
- ✓ Circle II will meet September 18-9:30am
(Hostess-Marilyn Nielsen; Lesson-Bonnie Grams)
- ✓ Circle III will meet September 18– 1:15 pm
(Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Jill Kramer)

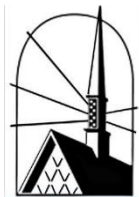




Adult Classes

Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School

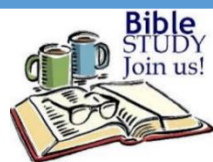
This adult Sunday School class begins on Sept 8th. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Anderson Conference Room.



Retreat in the Real World - Starting September 26

You don't have to leave home to experience the benefits of a retreat! Take your spiritual growth to the next level this fall by joining weekly with others learning to incorporate easy but focused spiritual practices into busy daily life. Led by Kili Wenburg, Thursday mornings in the church library, 7:00-7:45am.

Soup Group for Women is Back starting September 5th and will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.



Bible Study Join us!

Bible @ Breakfast is starting again on September 11th, Wednesdays at 7 a.m. in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the "Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination." There is no specific study book designated at this point.

New Member Class Coming in September

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or simply curious about what membership might mean? You are invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history and theology, as well as local structures and involvement opportunities. Classes will take place from 5:00-6:30pm on three Wednesdays, September 11, 18, and 25, in the Adult Ed Classroom (by the church office). Each session includes complimentary meal and childcare. *Contact the church office to RSVP.*



FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Coming this Fall! Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey created Financial Peace University nearly 25 years ago after learning how to pay off debt, save and spend wisely, and build wealth. Today, millions have used the same principles to transform their lives. You shouldn't feel overwhelmed and powerless over your money. You can be in control of your money and your future.

Nine Week Class: 9/ 9 - 11 4, 2019 Monday's at 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the Parlor

Monday's at 6:30pm – 8:00pm Cost: \$129.99

Register at: www.fpu.com/1093853

Questions? Call Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847

First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an "APP" for you!



Our directory of names, contact information, and corresponding family photos is ready for you to create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You will use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access because only members will be able to create a login and load an app on their phones.



PRES FEST

September, 15

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

- 9:15 FORUM
- 10:10 BAGPIPE PROCESSIONAL
- 10:30 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 11:30 POTLUCK
- 11:30 - 2 INFLATABLES
- 11:30 - 2 PICKLEBALL AND BAG TOSS
TOURNAMENT
- 12:30 PEACE CENTER TOURS

All are invited to wear tartans or family crests
to worship.

Potluck main dish will be provided. Folks with
last name A-L please bring a side dish or salad.
Folks with last name M-Z please bring fruit or
dessert.



FORUM AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2019

SEPT 8

ADULT ENRICHMENT KICKOFF
Come and learn about all our adult enrichment opportunities

SEPT 15

PRES FEST
A celebration of things First Pres with tours of the PEACE Center

SEPT 22

RETREAT IN THE REAL WORLD
Kili Wenburg leads us in contemplation and spiritual practices

SEPT 29

HOLY LAND PREVIEW
Hear from our traveling delegation on what they're learning and what they hope to experience

**FORUM TAKES PLACE AT 9:15
SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE
ADULT EDUCATION ROOM**

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.
(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, YMCA
and Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!

WHAT DISCIPLES DO

Disciples Seek Out Those in Need: September 15
Disciples Resist Greed: September 22
Disciples Practice Generosity: September 29

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES:

Although Christians are often identified with what they *believe*, Jesus also cared about what his followers *did*.

Our *beliefs* matter a great deal, yet what we *do* matters even more.

This three week sermon series will take a fresh look at a few core practices of Christianity.